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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004/05 – 2006/07 FSTIP Amendment No. 4 – Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of Amendment No. 4 to the KCAG 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated January 24, 2006. KCAG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 05-19 on December 7, 2005.

This amendment modifies the Route 198 Expressway project (CTIPS ID # 116-0000-0063). The project description is revised to segment the project into two separate projects. Prior year funding has been moved to FY 2005/06 for right-of-way in Segment 1, and Segment 2 contains only prior year funds. KCAG's Amendment No. 3 initially contained the Route 198 Expressway project, however, this project was excluded from federal agency approval action of that amendment because this project is non-exempt from the requirement to determine conformity. Amendment No. 3 was submitted without such conformity analysis and determination.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the KCAG FTIP by this amendment do not require new emissions modeling because this amendment relies upon the previous regional emissions analysis per the requirements of 40 CFR 93.122(g). Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is provided in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX, dated July 15, 2004, on Roles and Responsibilities for Single Mode Amendments. This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the KCAG's FTIP Amendment No. 4, into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Leigh Levine of the FHWA, California Division office at (916) 498-5034.

Sincerely,

/s/ K. Sue Kiser

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